

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) to address impairments in the Muddy Run Watershed. The subject stream segments are identified in Virginia's 1998 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report as impaired due to violations of the State's water quality standard for fecal coliform bacteria.

Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and §62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia require DEQ to develop TMDLs for pollutants responsible for each impaired water contained in Virginia's 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report.

The impaired stream segments are located in Culpeper County. The first impairment is a 5.55-mile segment of Muddy Run beginning approximately 0.22 miles upstream of the Route 229 bridge and continuing downstream to the confluence with the Hazel River. The second impairment is a 3.12-mile segment of Muddy Run extending from the headwaters downstream to the confluence with Apperson Creek.

The second public meeting on the development of the Muddy Run Watershed TMDLs will be held on **Tuesday, September 16, 2003, at 7:00 p.m.** at the Emerald Hill Elementary School, located at 11245 Rixeyville Road in Culpeper, Virginia.

The public comment period will begin on September 16, 2003 and end on October 15, 2003. A fact sheet on the development of the TMDLs for the impairments in the Muddy Run Watershed is available upon request. Questions or information requests should be addressed to Katherine Bennett. Written comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to Ms. Katherine E. Bennett, Department of Environmental Quality, 13901 Crown Court, Woodbridge, Virginia, 22193, telephone (703) 583-3896, Fax (703) 583-3841, or e-mail kebennett@deq.state.va.us.